Setting up of National Electricity Corporation

3407. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government for setting up a National Electricity Corporation to supervise and control State Electricity Boards;

(b) what are the details regarding the powers and functions of such a Corporation; and

(c) by when such a Corporation will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production and export of coal

3408. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of coal produced in the country during the last three years;

(b) the total quantum of coal likely to be produced during the current financial year; and

(c) the quantum of coal exported during, the last three years, yearwise, alongwith the names of the countries to which coal was exported during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The total production of coal in the country during the last three years is given as under:—

(Figures in million tonne:)

1984-85	147·41
1985-86	154·20
1986-87	165·7

(b) The target fixed for production of coal for the year 1987-88 is of the order of 183.5 million tonnes.

(c) The quantum of coal exported during the last three years is as under:

(in lakh tonnes)

1984-85	1.19
1985-86	2.17
1986-87	1·63

The countries to which coal was exported during the above period are Bangla Desh, Nepal, Bhutan and South Korea.

Transfer of Power Connections in Delhi

3409. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the authorities of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, Shankar Road, New Delhi insist on the production of a Ration Card by the widows for transferring power connections in their name after the death of the original allottee;

(b) if so, under which Rule or order is obligatory in the light of the sanction by the competent authorities and even by the District Judge, Delhi, having granted the letter of Administration to the widows; and

(c) what is the alternative which could satisfy the DESU and save the affected widows from unnecessary harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the ration card is not normally required to be produced for getting a domestic electricity connection transferred in the name of incoming allottee of the premises.

Name changes, in the connection, are made on the basis of documents of mutation or a sale deed etc. The ration card is required to be produced as proof of occupancy of the premises. The applicant has a right to prove occupancy in any other manner of his choice. It is not obligatory to prove it by production of a ration card.

Ranjit Sagar Dam Project

3410. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest estimated cost of the Ranjit Sagar Dam Project;

(b) what amounts have been allotted so far and to what extent the work on the project has progressed;

(c) what is the scheduled completion date of the project; and

(d) whether it has been ensured that the project will not suffer owing to shortage of requisite funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The latest approved cost of the project based on 1986 price is Rs. 760 crores.

(b) A provision of Rs. 500 crores has been made for this Project in the Seventh Five Year Plan. For the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88, the approved provisions were Rs. 75 crores, Rs. 100 crores (including Rs. 35 crores special plan loan assistance) and Rs. 120 crores respectively. At present, the work is going on in Diversion Tunnels, Spillway, Emergency & Hoist Shafts, Drainage Tunnels, Power Plant pit etc. The Phase-I excavation of all the Diversion Tunnels has since been completed and invert/overt concreting has started. Other infrastructural facilities like laying of 9.7 Km. rail track from Sujanpur to Shahpurkandi Township, 13 Km. long project road from Shahpurkandi Township to Dam site, Staff colonies for regular and workcharged employees, Workshops, store sheds, water supply system etc. have been completed.

(c) The first generating unit of the Project is scheduled for commissioning in September, 1991 and the remaining three units at interval of four months each thereafter.

(d) According to present indications the work on this project is not likely to suffer due to shortage of funds.

Delay in Commissioning of Captive Power Plant in Orissa

3411. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa State Electricity Board has not only delayed the commissioning of the country's largest captive power plant in the private sector but has also deprived the State of steady supply of additional power; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to remove the bottlenecks in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Government have, in June, 1987